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For: **METHOD OF MODIFYING GUM ARABIC, MODIFIED GUM ARABIC OBTAINED BY THE METHOD, AND USE THEREOF**

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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January 10, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **October 24, 2007**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, verified English translation of the application, Drawing; 1 sheet (Figure 1), statement of verified translation and Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration was paid at the initial filing. The fees enclosed at initial filing on **September 19, 2006** were **\$1,160.00** (\$300.00 for basic filing fees, \$400.00 for the search fee, \$200.00 for the examination fee, \$130.00 for late filing of English Translation of the specification, and \$130.00 for filing the late Declaration). In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: Notification; Declaration; verified English translation of the application, Drawing; 1 sheet (Figure 1), statement of verified translation and Preliminary Amendment



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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
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- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/19/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/30/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/19/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/19/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 09/19/2006
- Non-English Language Application filed on 09/19/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, the below named translator, hereby declare that:

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That I am knowledgeable in the English language and in the language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that I believe the English translation of the international application No. PCT/JP2005/005373 is a true and complete translation of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Translation of PCT Article 34 amendment

The applicant has amended claims 1-8, and 9-13, and delete claim 9 under PCT Article 34 on January 10, 2006 by substitution of Pages 22 originally filed document in Japanese.

We enclose herewith the English translation of claims containing the amended claims, as Pages 28 to 29 in English translation documents.